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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PAB*

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, United Stone and Design, United Stone #1, S/047/074, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 20 and July 8, 2004
Time of Inspection: About 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on May 20; about 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. on July 8
Conditions: Partly cloudy, 60's, windy on May 20; mostly clear, 90's on July 8
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

I was in the area and wanted to visit the site to see if it could be released. The lease with SITLA has expired, and since the operator has not paid permit fees, approval to mine has been suspended.

Observations:

The lease with SITLA and the Notice of Intention with the Division allowed operations in the E½ of Section 36, Township 12 South, Range 20 East, SLBM. The disturbances I found in the E½ of Section 36 all appeared to be from hand gathering (Photos 1-3). There were some disturbances outside Section 36 that were probably done using mechanized equipment (Photo 4), and although this type of disturbance needs to be permitted with the Division, I do not know who did this work. These disturbances were small enough that they should heal quickly on their own as long as the areas are not redisturbed.

As I was looking for disturbances, I was not sure exactly which section I was in, so I ran the GPS unit so I would know where I had been. The attached map shows this route. Although I did not go into the north half of Section 36, it looked like there had been little or no disturbance in that area.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

This site can be released. The disturbances are small enough that they should heal quickly.

PBB:jb

Attachment: Photos

cc: Justin Farley, United Stone

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

S/047/074, United Stone and Design #1, United Stone and Design
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Photo 1. Some of the various small disturbances in the area.

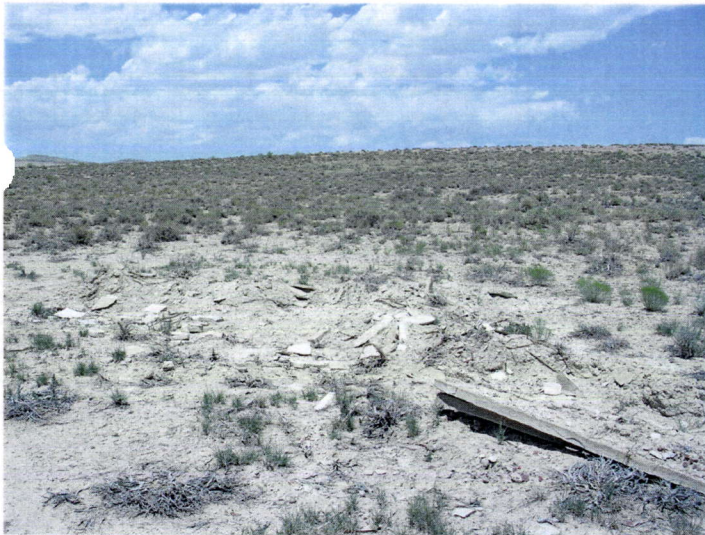


Photo 2.



Photo 3. This rock is just south of Section 36, and I believe it is too large to be lifted by hand.